THE VOICE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

TESTIMONY

of the

CONNECTICUT CONFERENCE OF MUNICIPALITIES

to the

PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE

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CCM is Connecticut's statewide association of towns and cities and the voice of local government - your partners in governing Connecticut. Our members represent over 93% of Connecticut's population. We appreciate this opportunity to testify before you on issues of concern to towns and cities.

CCM supports the use of electronic government (e-government) methods to increase access for the greater public and improve the efficiencies of state agencies.

CCM has long advocated for increased ability, not mandates, to conduct more government business via the internet. This would allow Connecticut residents to opportunity to do business with the state from the comfort of their own home, without having to drive all the way to Hartford and navigate the agency bureaucracy. In addition, it would serve to reduce unnecessary and burdensome paperwork.

The efficiencies that can be achieved through greater use of e-government could provide a significant savings to government, while at the same time increasing access.

CCM urges the committee to move forward with recommendation to implement e-government services across the board in Connecticut.

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